



DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

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Proposed Information Collection (Caution to Bidders - Bid Envelopes) Activity: Comment Request

AGENCY: Office of Acquisition and Logistics, Department of Veterans Affairs

ACTION: Notice

SUMMARY: The Office of Acquisition and Logistics (OA&L), Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), is announcing an opportunity for public comment on the proposed collection of certain information by the agency. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, Federal agencies are required to publish notice in the Federal Register concerning each proposed collection of information including each proposed extension of a currently approved collection and allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice. This notice solicits comments on the information needed to identify bid envelopes from other mail parcels.

DATES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before [Insert date 60 days after date of publication in the FEDERAL REGISTER].

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the collection of information through Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) at www.Regulations.gov; or to Sylvester Rainey, Office of Acquisition and Logistics (003A2A), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420; or e-mail: sylvester.rainey@va.gov.

Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0593" in any correspondence. During the comment period, comments may be viewed online through FDMS.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sylvester Rainey at (202) 632-5339 or Fax at (202) 343-1434.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the PRA of 1995 (Public Law 104-13; 44 U.S.C. 3501 – 3521), Federal agencies must obtain approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for each collection of information they conduct or sponsor. This request for comment is being made pursuant to Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA.

With respect to the following collection of information, OA&L invites comments on: (1) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of OA&L's functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of OA&L's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or the use of other forms of information technology.

Title: Veterans Affairs Acquisition Regulation (VAAR) Provision 852.214-70, Caution to Bidders - Bid Envelopes.

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Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: VAAR provision 852.214-70, Caution to Bidders--Bid Envelopes, advises bidders that it is their responsibility to ensure their bid price cannot be ascertained by anyone prior to bid opening. It also advises bidders to identify their bids by showing the invitation number and bid opening date on the outside of the bid envelope. The information requested from bidders is needed to identify bid envelopes from other mail or packages received and to ensure the bids are delivered to the proper bid opening room on time and prior to bid opening.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit.

Estimated Annual Burden: 960 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent: 10 seconds.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 346,000.

DATED: April 8, 2013

By direction of the Secretary:

William F. Russo,
Deputy Director,
Office of Regulations Policy and Management,
Office of General Counsel,
Department of Veterans Affairs.

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